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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For : COPYRIGHT PROTECTION METHOD, INFORMATION SIGNAL
PROCESSING SYSTEM, INFORMATION SIGNAL OUTPUT
APPARATUS, INFORMATION SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS,
INFORMATION SIGNAL OUTPUT METHOD, INFORMATION SIGNAL
PROCESSING METHOD, AND INFORMATION SIGNAL RECORDING
MEDIUM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified
application, Applicant respectfully requests that the
application be amended as follows.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

line 5, change "WM" both occurrences to --watermark
information.--